Government for their export keeping in view the prices thereof in the domestic markets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) There is no nodal agency for export of garlic and potato. For export of onions, Government has designated the following 8 canalizing agencies, *viz.*:

1. National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED)
2. Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board (MSAMB).
3. Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation Ltd. (GAIC)
4. The Spices Trading Corporation Ltd. (STCL)
5. The Karnataka State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd. (KSCMF)
6. National Co-operative Consumer's Federation of India Ltd. (NCCF)
7. Andhra Pradesh State Trading Corporation Ltd. (APSTCL)
8. The North Karnataka Onion Growers Co-operative Society (NKOGCS)

(c) No target as such is fixed for exports of these commodities. Exports of these commodities are eligible for a variety of assistance under various export-promotional schemes.

Decline in capital investment

†456. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a decline in capital investment in certain industries in the country during the years 1996-97 to 2000-2001;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the industries in which capital investment has declined in the said period; and

(d) the details of the industries in which capital investment has increased in the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Details of Gross investment in different industrial segments during 1996-97 to 2000-01 are enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) In the construction sector there is a declining trend in gross capital formation during the period 1998-99 to 2000-2001. However for other sectors of the industry, no definite trend emerges.

Statement

Gross capital formation by industry of use (at 1993-94 *prices) in Rs. Crore)*

Sl. No.	Sector/Industry	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
1	Mining & Quarrying	4550	5479	5447	5753	3626
2	Manufacturing	114727	114571	102210	109419	106446
3	Electricity, gas & water supply	23166	22999	25834	24148	25713
4	Construction	3077	5617	5691	3434	3088

Source: Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation

New patent regime

457. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Patent regime unlikely to benefit developing nations: UK